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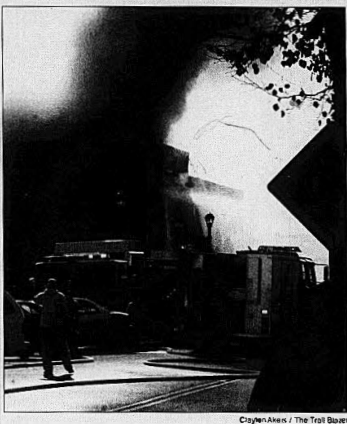
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Clayton Akers / The Trailblazer

A fire destroyed an apartment on Main Street a few days before Thanksgiving.

## Fire destroys Main St. apartments

Students lose all belongings after pillow caught fire

CLAYTON AKERS — SPORTS EDITOR

A Main Street building that included five second-floor apartments, some rented by Morehead State University students, was destroyed in a fire Nov. 20. The two-story building at 146 East Main Street, housed an arcade until this summer.

Morehead Fire Chief Jeff Anderson said the fire started in one of the second floor apartments when a pillow near a floor-heating device ignited.

The fire was reported at 11:55 a.m. and firefighters arrived at the scene seven minutes later, Anderson said.

Several fire trucks lined the street as firefighters tried to extinguish the flames. "There was very dark, heavy, pushy smoke on the second floor when we first arrived," Anderson said.

Anderson said firefighters cleared neighboring buildings to make sure everybody was out and protected. No surrounding buildings caught fire.

It took three hours for firefighters to get the blaze under control, but firefighters stayed until about 9 p.m. to make sure everything was secure, Anderson said.

None of the residents were injured, but

one city police officer suffered smoke inhalation.

"He went onto the second floor to see if any people were still in and breathed in some of the smoke," Anderson said.

MSU student Dallas Hurley, who lived in one of the five, one-person apartments, said he woke up around 7 a.m. and smelled rubber burning and smoke in the hall. He went into the hall and saw smoke coming from a neighbor's apartment.

He said a pillow near the baseboard heating system in the apartment had caught on fire and the residents thought they had put it out.

Hurley said later that morning, he saw a lot of smoke coming from the neighbor's door.

Hurley said he helped get other residents and pets out of the building, but was unable to save his belongings.

"The fire was spreading too fast to get any personal items," Hurley said. "I lost pretty much everything. I didn't have any shoes on."

Hurley is currently staying with his fraternity brothers.

He said university administrators assisted five other students affected by the fire.

Hurley said, "The university offered dorms for us to stay in and Dean (Kevin) Koett and (Vice President of Student Life) Madonna Weathers were so helpful with everything."

## MSU's budget not save from further cuts

CARLO ANGERER — EDITOR

MSU President Wayne Andrews said administrators are preparing for a possible additional budget cut next spring, as Kentucky's state budget shows few signs of improvement.

State officials have mentioned a possible 6-percent budget cut, which could mean furloughs, layoffs and other drastic measures at state agencies.

Andrews said, "We're not out of the woods yet."

He expects the state government to make a decision on the budget in January after the Consensus Forecasting Group delivers its budget update in December.

"We have budgeted some reserve dollars in case we have a budget cut," he said. "We are able to face a modest budget cut."

Andrews would mean that administrators have to take a look at all expenditures, he said.

Andrews said a tuition increase for the next academic year is likely, but that it would be a modest one.

"I doubt seriously that it will be more than last year's 4-percent increase," he said.

**MSU'S CHALLENGES**  
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But a mid-year tuition increase is unlikely, as this would make it very difficult for students to plan financially, Andrews said.

He said MSU would have to increase enrollment, while operating as efficiently as possible to offset budget cuts.

Andrews said until specific budget directions are given by the state, the campus community should stay focused on its core business — education.

## Used book prices vary as demand changes

ALLI COLLIS — STAFF WRITER

When students visit the University Bookstore to return used books for cash, they are often surprised about the varied and low prices they receive, much less than what they originally had paid.

"The main reason affecting the dollar amount of your book is the condition of the book, whether or not the bookstore or market is overstocked, the national demand for a book, whether or not the book has custom packaging or missing pieces, and whether or not the instructor plans to use the book again," Textbook Manager Julie Ferguson, at MSU's bookstore, said.

Ferguson said that the condition of certain books can potentially lower their value. Poor condition includes water damage and excessive highlighting. The value of a certain book may also go down if the bookstore is not in need of that

book. Books needed for classes with larger enrollments bring higher buyback prices, because the bookstore will be looking to buy more of them back, Ferguson said.

"We can predict a what the size of the class may be like, which is a place to start," Ferguson said.

Ferguson said the dollar amounts students receive from buybacks can also be affected by whether or not a condition of the book has been updated and whether or not the professor plans to use it again the next semester.

"The professors choose our inventory," Ferguson said. "We will pay up to half for books that we buy back. Sometimes more, sometimes less."

Ferguson said another problem might occur: during buyback is the difference in the number of students actually buying from the

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## Backlash against smoking ban

LOGAN TODD — STAFF WRITER  
CARLO ANGERER — EDITOR

When a task force was created recently to investigate the possibility of making MSU's campus tobacco-free, some students began trying to rally support against it.

Freshman Mike Odell helped form a Facebook group called Morehead Smoker's Rights Advocacy Council.

"When we formed the group our goal was to recruit as many members from campus as we could, and use the group as a means of communication to mobilize members in an effort to make a public stand to the University against

the tobacco ban," Odell said. The Facebook group was formed in mid-November and has recruited 177 members.

Odell and his group are trying to work with members of SGA to construct a proposal to submit to the task force.

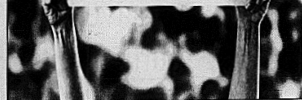
"A lot of the concern that has been raised about smoking on campus is students smoking on the sidewalks. Many of our members would be happy with a compromise of banning smoking on the walkways. I do not like the idea of designated smoking areas because it leaves the possibility that a student living in the dorms would have to



Students protest the possibility of a smoking ban on campus after a task force has been put in place to evaluate measures to prohibit the use of tobacco products.

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walk someplace like the free-speech area for a cigarette in the middle of winter," Odell said.

Junior Student Daniel Fredrick from Morgan County, who is also taking a large role in opposing the ban, said, "A lot of students are not aware why the ban is happening."

Fredrick feels that the ban is more about the university cutting its insurance premiums than the students' health.

"If they were really concerned about students' health they would get Chick-Fil-A, Taco Bell and all of the processed foods off campus, or they would put more money into cessation programs and provide Nicorette or Chantix. They are disenfranchising many Appalachian students who smoke because we are raised in a culture where tobacco use is socially acceptable," Fredrick said.

Fredrick has been utilizing the free-speech area to organize a mailing list of students who oppose the tobacco ban to

keep them informed about the university's plans.

Both Odell's and Fredrick's groups are working on organizing an informal forum between concerned students and members of the task force or members of SGA.

"We want a chance for the students to express their concerns so that if we can't stop the ban we can at least reach some kind of compromise," Odell said.

MSU President Wayne Andrews said he would like to see a smoke-free campus. "Part of our educational mission is that we have to be in control of our own health and we could help provide an example of a better lifestyle in our region," he said.

But Andrews said any enforcement of the ban would be a major challenge.

"Some campuses are completely smoke free," he said. "I don't know whether we could do that."

One possibility could be that all students, staff and faculty members would have the responsibility to help enforce the ban.

Andrews said a decision would be made after the task force has concluded its findings.

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bookstore. "The fall semester is larger than the spring semester," Ferguson said. "We can only take so many books back."

Books that have access codes also cause problems. If the access code has already been used, and is a requirement for a class, the value of the book goes down.

Ferguson said the MSU Bookstore prices its books competitively with both Ecampus and Amazon. She added that students who sell their books back to the MSU store will be helping both themselves, the bookstore, and other students.

"Students receive money from the buybacks, the bookstore saves money on freight, and next semester's students will be able to purchase used books, saving money," Ferguson said.

The fall semester buy-back at the main campus will be Dec. 2-4, and Dec. 7-12.

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## EDITORIAL

### Tobacco ban long overdue

The University of Kentucky banned all tobacco products on its campus last month. No more cigarette smoke, no more butts, no more tobacco spit on the sidewalk, and no more illnesses from first- and second-hand smoke—at least that was the hope of UK administrators.

UK President Lee T. Todd Jr. told the Lexington Herald-Leader, "Going tobacco-free may not be the easiest thing to do. It may not be the most politically popular thing to do, but in my mind it's the right thing to do for this campus and this Commonwealth."

Criticism of the new policy was fierce, whether from student smokers or from the chairman of the Libertarian Party of Kentucky, who said that anyone smoking on campus is "exercising their free speech to protest the ban."

This criticism could soon be targeted toward Morehead State University leaders, who are currently contemplating a similar ban on smoking and other tobacco products. A task force has been put in place to evaluate what restrictions the policy would put on tobacco usage and how it would be enforced.

MSU President Wayne Andrews said he personally supports the idea of a smoke-free campus, but calls the enforcement of such a policy a "major challenge."

Despite the difficulties instituting the policy, MSU needs to become a tobacco-free campus. A ban on tobacco products is overdue.

As an institution of higher education, MSU needs to lead the way for a healthier lifestyle in Eastern Kentucky.

In recent decades, the negative effects of smoking and the use of other tobacco products has been proven through medical research. The Center for Disease Control (CDC) found that smoking causes 90 percent of all lung cancer deaths in men and 80 percent of such deaths in women.

The CDC reports that tobacco use alone causes more deaths each year than HIV, illegal drug use, alcohol use, motor vehicle injuries, suicides, and murders combined.

Secondhand smoke, which any member of the campus community is exposed to daily, would be largely eliminated by the ban. Secondhand smoke exposes nonsmokers to many health risks without any easy way to avoid it.

Health risks originating on campus could be eliminated with a tobacco ban, but the initiative will need the support of a majority of the campus community to succeed.

Those who do not want to be exposed to the health risks of tobacco need to speak out before the ban's critics take control of the debate.



## COMMENTARY

### Poor planning causes stress



BRITTANY  
PITTMAN  
—  
STAFF  
WRITER

Finals week can be a very stressful time to many MSU students, but to others, including myself, even more unnecessary stress is added because of procrastination and trying to cram all of our studies into a short amount of time.

I have been a student at MSU for four years and at the start of each semester I tell myself that I will plan ahead and schedule specific times to do my work and

study for exams.

Then finals week approaches and somehow all those encouraging words I told myself about studying seemed to have never existed.

Why is procrastination such a problem, especially during finals week?

A big problem in waiting until the last minute to study is having to pull "all nighters." At the time it seems like you are being productive because you spend endless hours studying, but the next morning you will realize that it might not have been such a good idea to stay up because being grumpy can sometimes be a side effect.

If being grumpy because of a lack of sleep is not enough, then you have to worry about eating the right foods.

Nutrition is an important part of everyday life but when it comes to studying in a stressful, junk food is a necessity for many to stay awake. Chips, coffee, candy, cigarettes and red bull are some of the things that fuel a student to stay up long hours and study. None of these are very healthy.

I did some research to find a few healthy ways to relieve the stress of finals. Some colleges are encouraging their students to make homemade stress

balls out of balloons filled with flour. Other colleges are encouraging students to take activity breaks. A few minutes of physical activity greatly reduces stress.

Last but not least, The University of Wisconsin-Madison is bringing in dogs to help students relax and ease their stress levels. Playing with the dogs appears to significantly reduce stress in students during finals.

Unfortunately for MSU students, the college does not allow dogs on campus, so I guess some pre-finals planning will just have to do.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

In response to the Nov. 19 commentary "Other ways to be a good person"

Usually I see little nuggets of truth in the editorials but not this time. I do agree that the way the ministers at the Bell Tower area preach are a bit contentious; but their message is correct.

The Holy Bible does state that ALL fornicators and liars will be condemned to a Lake of

Fire. If this hurts someone's feelings, then good! Maybe they should repent and be Born Again.

By the way the Bible does give Christians the authority to judge the works or fruits of someone. But they do need to do it in love. This is done not to condemn a lost person. But to let them know they are lost.

The Bible says in John 3:18 that they are condemned already.

The editor said what makes a person is his or her sense of humanity or

how we treat others. This is false. It does not matter how many "good" works we do or how much charity we have; that will not get a person into Heaven or help them to know God.

The Bible says: "But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags;" Isaiah 64:6. There is no way to really be a good person. Any goodness we could ever have would be in Jesus Christ.

Jesus said: "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the

Father, but by me." John 14:6. If a person wants to "know God"; there is no other way.

My advice to those who were offended by the Bell Tower preachers is this. Find a local church that preaches the Gospel and get rooted in the King James Bible. If you want to know God or truth; then seek it in the Book written by Him.

The Rev. Kenneth Fouch  
Morehead

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## CAMPUS COMMENT

### Will you spend less this holiday season?



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Freshman  
Music Education  
Dry Ridge



Katie Brown  
Sophomore  
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West Liberty



Joquel Ervins  
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Louisville

"Yes, because everything is more expensive since it's my first year in college and I only have a part-time job."

"Yes, because I have no job."

"Yep. I now have my own place and I have less money to spend."

"Yes. The economy is bad and I have a son."

## THE TRAIL BLAZER

## Green acres bringing in green?

CODY EVANS —  
MANAGING EDITOR

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) is predicting a 34.5 percent decline in net farm income for 2009.

According to reports by the Economic Research Service (ERS), the USDA's primary source for economic information, farms are expected to net approximately \$57 billion this year—down \$30 billion from 2008.

ERS predicted such a loss will place 2009 \$6.5 billion less than the 10 year average.

ERS also reported a sharp decline in crop and livestock prices this year, attributing the decrease to a lack of market-expansion opportunities caused by a struggling international economy. The decline has forced American farmers to accept prices for their crops and livestock that are considerably less than expected earlier in the year.

Bobby Pease, an agriculture teacher at Fleming County High School, knows better than most what life is like for the American farmer.

Along with his wife, also a teacher, and their two children, Pease owns and operates a 45-acre cattle farm in rural Fleming County.

Having owned the farm since 2004, Pease maintains a small cow-calf operation, currently standing at 23 head of livestock.

Pease says the rise and fall of the agriculture market does affect his operation, but not to the degree



Cody Evans / The Trail Blazer

A Fleming County cattle farmer says despite a possible 34.5 percent decline in net farm income, small farms should be able to survive.

one may think.

"With small family farms, their main source of income doesn't come from the farm anymore," Pease says. "We're fortunate enough to have those other jobs to rely on for a main



source of income. If the cattle market takes a dive or grain prices rise, you ride those highs and lows out and in the end, maybe make a little money."

Pease says the peripheral aspects of operating a farm are what is important to his family.

"It's more of a cultural thing," Pease says. "We don't try to make a killing or make a big profit, but we wanted to raise our kids on a farm. I'm not saying you can't make money, we do, but we wouldn't trade our lifestyle. For us, that's really the selling point."

Since his operation is small, Pease contracts out certain tasks that would traditionally be handled on the farm. In order to conserve acreage, he negotiates hay and grain prices with larger farms in the surrounding area.

Pease says, however, there is often little price negotiation when it comes to selling his own products.

"As for negotiating, as far as choices that I have, I can take my calves to Maysville, Flemingsburg, I can go to Mt. Sterling, or I can go to Lexington. Generally, you don't bargain much at all. I'm going to take my cows to Mt. Sterling. I'm going to drop them off. I'm going to wait five or six days then I'll get a check in the mail."

Pease says the ERS analysis of the current state of agriculture is concerning, but is usually a distant thought to those actually doing the farming.

"Are those numbers scary? Yeah. Do I think we're going to recover? Yeah. I think that's probably in line with auto industry or any kind of manufacturing," Pease says.

The economy as a whole, Pease says, is likely in that condition. With unemployment closing in on 10 percent and the Dow taking its hits, it's like that anytime you get a recession.

The population base that will actually absorb the predicted \$30 billion agricultural decline is likely larger than it seems, Pease says.

"The agriculture industry

roughly makes up roughly 22 percent of all American employment," Pease says. "Less than 2 percent of that is actually in production agriculture (farming). It's the before and after of farming, really."

Pease says the other 20 percent of agriculture has many facets which include manufacturers like John Deere and aftermarket jobs, such as delivery and stocking positions so entire weight of the 34.5 percent decline will not fall directly on the American farmer.

## Campus Calendar

### Thursday, Dec. 3

The play "How I Learned to Drive" will be showing at 7:30 p.m. at the Little Theater in Breckinridge Hall. Tickets are \$5 and the play is open to all MSU students, faculty and residents of the community.

Box Office student-worker Corinne Patterson talks about the deep-rooted play.

"It is a dark comedy about a girl named Little Bit who is sexually abused by her Uncle Peck, and how she goes through her life dealing that abuse, relationships with her mother and grandmother and relationships with other men," Patterson said.

Tickets can be purchased at the box office in Breckinridge Hall or get tickets at the door before the show.

"This is a great play and everyone should come check it out," Patterson said.

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## Summer art camp grows

BETTY CHANEY —  
LIFE&ARTS EDITOR

While the idea isn't new, there are some new aspects to a summer camp hosted at MSU.

"The Summer Arts Academy evolved from the Summer Music Academy, a summer residence camp for six days where high school students come on campus and pretty much engage in recreational activities in music, art, and dance," Greg Wing, Summer Arts Academy coordinator and associate professor of music, says.

"In previous summers we only had music but this summer we're incorporating more art mediums." Some of this summer's activities are 2- and 3-D studio art, art history, acting, dancing, and a variety of musical instruments.

"This has all stemmed from when I was a student here in the '70s," Wing says. "There was a huge summer camp program here in the '70s and '80s called the Daniel Boone Forest Music Camp and for whatever reason it dissolved. When I got here in 2002 one of the first things I wanted to do was ask what happened to the summer music program. Why did we let that die?"

Wing says the summer music camps he attended in his youth helped with his decision of what college to attend.

"I got here and I was like, 'Wow, I've been here two years. I already know the dorms, the students, the campus.' Morehead was the only logical choice," he says.

Wing came back to Morehead for a third time.

"I graduated from here in '76," Wing says. "This place mean a lot to me. If a little guy from Covington, Ky., can do it anyone can."

Wing hopes revitalizing the summer camp will help

with recruitment of students.

"When we became the College of Arts, Department of Music, Theater and Dance, it gave us the opportunity to reach more students in a broader area," Wing says. "We're trying to set an example of how fun a summer program can be. I am a firm believer that there are more people who have on campus in the summer, the more that will want to come back as their college of choice."

Wing says the camp has been growing in recent years.

"There were like 35 students about three years, a couple of years ago 54, and last year, around 50," he says. "A realistic goal this year is to get 100 students enrolled."

Information pertaining to the camp will sent to 2,000 schools during the second week of January, Wing says.

"It's a numbers game," he says. "Last year we sent 1,600 posters and we got 50 students. It's one of those things where you try to hit your region. Our service region is Kentucky, Southern Ohio, even Southern Indiana, and West Virginia. We're just trying to make it a better place."

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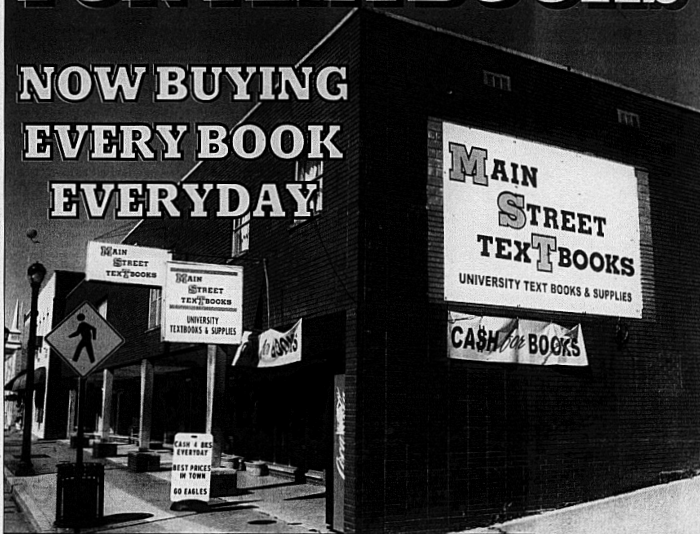
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# Faried always smiling

CLAYTON AKERS — STAFF WRITER

From troubled beginnings in Newark, N.J., to his success on the basketball court at MSU, the one constant for Kenneth Faried has been his big smile. That smile often illustrates Faried's passion for life and for the game of basketball, both of which could help him eventually realize another passion, his dream of playing in the NBA.

Now in his junior year, Faried has garnered many awards since arriving to Morehead State. He was named to the OVC All-Newcomer Team his freshman season and in an outstanding sophomore campaign, Faried ranked third in the nation in rebounding with an average of 13.0 per game. He helped lead MSU to its first OVC title and NCAA tournament berth in 25 years, which has drawn attention from NBA scouts and an onslaught of media attention.

In a recent mock draft on [www.nbadraftexpress.com](http://www.nbadraftexpress.com), Faried is predicted to be the second pick in the second round of the 2010 NBA draft. But the success that Faried has achieved didn't come easy, it's part of a long journey that began in Newark.

Faried says through growing up in a city known for its high crime rate and violence, the experiences he went through and the things he saw changed him.

"It made me the man I am now. I grew up around a lot of violence — killings — and it was just a rough neighborhood," Faried says. "A lot of things have happened in my life that I'm not proud of, but it just made me the person I am and made me realize how valuable life is. I saw a lot of friends and family pass away, but the love of basketball keeps a smile on my face and helped me get away from all of that."

Faried says with a laugh, "Now, I'm in Morehead, Ky., where the only thing bad that will happen is if someone takes your laptop — not at gun point it, was just laying around and someone took it. Other than that I don't see gangs or violence. I love Morehead and Kentucky for that and I like the fact I got away from all of that and that's why I go out on the court and smile everyday and have fun."

Faried says his mother and father were influences on his life and basketball.

"When I was young she used to take me to the park in a stroller and she and my father would be playing (basketball) and I would just watch," he says.

He says the first thing his parents taught him about the game of basketball was how to rebound.

"That's the first thing I ever learned how to do, to rebound and get the ball," he says. "My mother would shoot the ball and she would say 'go rebound the ball.'"

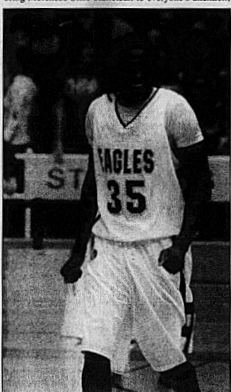
Faried says as a kid playing basketball, if you didn't rebound you didn't shoot.

"The only way you would get your chance to shoot was rebounding," he says. "I was born to rebound."

When recruiting Faried, MSU Head Coach Donnie Tyndall says the first thing he noticed about Faried was his energy and passion on the court.

"He plays hard. He plays extremely hard. He's a guy whose motor runs. He plays with passion and energy. That's his biggest thing. He has a lot of work to do in different areas, but his biggest attribute is that he plays extremely hard."

Faried has used his energy and rebounding skills to bring Morehead State basketball to everyone's attention.



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Sophomore Kenneth Faried celebrates during a game against Louisiana-Monroe earlier this season.

but when he first heard of Morehead he didn't know what it was.

"When I first heard of Morehead I was 16, a young kid and they are like 'yeah, Morehead State' and I thought it was a joke. I found out it was a real college and now I'm here making Morehead well known," he says.

After MSU's magical run last season and a lot of national attention, the Eagles are off to a rough start this season at 1-3. But Faried is still wearing his signature big smile.

"I always was taught if you don't love the game or love what you're doing, don't do it. I try to play with a smile on my face, always happy, always excited and always ready to go. It comes with tough times and good times," he says. "I still stay positive and keep that smile on my face that everybody knows me for and we won a championship for that reason last year."

After last week's game against Kent State, KSU Head Coach Geno Ford spoke highly of MSU's big man.

"We won't be renewing the contract — I've seen enough of him," Ford says. "He's a good player. He's really active and the thing about him is he is a better defender than he is an offensive player, even though he puts up really good numbers on offense. As soon as he graduates we'll play again."

With all the NBA hype, Tyndall says Faried still has a way to go to reach the NBA.

"He's a long ways from being an NBA player," Tyndall says. "I think he has a chance one day to play in the NBA, but that league is so competitive and so good. Kenneth is a guy who needs all four years of college, there is no doubt about that. If he works real hard for the next year and a half I think he has a chance. There is no lock, but I think he has a chance to make an NBA roster."

Faried says, "To play in the NBA would be a great dream come true. Every kid had that dream where I'm from. A lot of people thought I wouldn't make it and a lot of people shot me down saying 'You aren't good enough' or 'you can't score a basket' or 'you can't do this or that,' but rebounding got me here. From what people tell me, rebounding is a great way to make it in the NBA. I just do it for fun, but I would love to do it for a career."

But for now his mind is set on what the Eagles can do this season.

"All that NBA draft stuff — I'm happy to get, but right now it doesn't mean anything," Faried says.

If he could go to the NBA after this season, it would mean a lot to his mother, who is dying of Lupus, Faried says.

"She has a short time to live and for her to see me make it to the NBA, I think I would be, like, happy for her to see me because the man that reached my dream. It would mean a lot to me."



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Demonte Harper squares off against a Kent State defender in Sunday's game.



## Winning teams deserve credit

JACK KEES — STAFF WRITER

There are upsets in the National Football League every week. But when these upsets happen, the media is left with multiple opportunities to watch film, recaps, analysts and decide their opinion on the outcome.

Most times the team that gets upset is deemed the team that threw the game away, but why doesn't credit go to the team that pulled off the upset? In week 12 of the current season, the Buffalo Bills upset the Miami Dolphins, the Baltimore Ravens upset the Roethlisberger-less Steelers and the Tennessee Titans upset the Arizona Cardinals.

But did the teams that lost really throw their games away, or did they get outplayed? There are many things that go into the outcome of the game, including game planning, coaching and more importantly, playing. But the end result is almost always based on who had the better game plan and which team plays better on the field.

Why can't football players and

analysts agree that the winning team is the winner? On Nov. 15, the Cincinnati Bengals upset the Pittsburgh Steelers. After the game, Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger told reporters, "I don't know if it was the weather in November (mid-60s)."

How about the fact that a better team beat you? The same thing happened later that day when Bill Belichick decided to go for it on fourth and two instead of giving Peyton Manning the ball with 60 yards to drive.

ESPN analysts talked about how Belichick lost the game for his team by giving Manning almost two minutes to drive 28 yards for a game-winning score, but did the analysts think about the fact that it was Peyton Manning they were playing against? One of the best quarterbacks in recent memory.

The thing about the NFL is that there are good teams and there are bad teams. The good teams win often and the bad ones win some, but there are always upsets, and the credit should go to the team that wins, upset or not.

## Kent State edges MSU, 63-57

CLAYTON AKERS — SPORTS EDITOR

For the second straight year, MSU basketball fell to Kent State in a heart-breaker, 63-57, Sunday night at Johnson Arena.

The Eagles were unable to make shots down the stretch, but turnovers were the big difference maker as the Golden Flashes turned 16 MSU turnovers into 19 points for the game.

MSU Head Coach Donnie Tyndall wasn't happy with those two aspects of the game.

"You've got to make shots and they probably played 38 minutes of zone tonight and we got 6-of-24 from the three and late in the game we really got on our heels and turned the ball over," Tyndall said. "I thought we got passive and were not very aggressive. Sixteen turnovers against a team that didn't press one possession is disappointing."

The first half saw eight ties and four lead changes. Kent State managed to pull away early in the half 17-10, but the Eagles rallied with a 13-7 run, helped by six points from sophomore Steve Peterson. With the Eagles still down, 24-23, Senior Maze Stallworth became the 28th member of the MSU 1,000-point club late in the first half when he nailed a three-pointer to give the Eagles a 25-24 lead. The two teams battled to a 30-30 tie into halftime. The Eagles came out of the gate on fire in the second half with a 12-3 run that built their largest lead of the game 42-33 at the 14:00 mark.

"We were running the floor and we made them

miss, first of all, and so we were able to get out and play in transition and get some easy buckets in transition," Tyndall said.

In a game of big runs, Kent State's Mike McKee wouldn't let the Golden Flashes go down as he hit three three-pointers during a 17-8 run during a six-minute span to tie the score again at 50-50.

"Coach (Geno) Ford told me to shoot the ball with confidence so that's what I did in the second half," McKee said.

From that point on neither team could get more than a three-point lead until Kent State was able to pull away thanks to key defensive positions late, which forced turnovers from the Eagles.

Tyndall said a game-changing moment was a failed fast break opportunity.

"When we were up nine or at least eight and we had a 3-on-1 and Terrance Hill misses a lay-up — I thought maybe we could have put the game away or broken their back. We don't convert and they go down to the other end and end up scoring and that was a huge play in the game," Tyndall said.

Tyndall was dismayed about his team's inability to make shots late against the zone.

"It sounds corny, but when a team stands in a zone for basically 40 minutes, you have to make some shots and we didn't do that consistently. We did it down that stretch which coupled with getting stops and being able to play in transition gave us the lead," Tyndall said.

Kent State Head Coach

Geno Ford said he thought luck and McKee's late play was the factor.

"We were lucky and they (MSU) just had one of those nights. They got some good looks and they didn't go in," Ford said.

"Ours didn't go in either. We just happened to throw in a couple more. The difference in the game was we had a stretch where he hit three straight threes and they never had that kind of stretch where he hit two or three threes in a row."

MSU's Kenneth Faried tallied his third double-double on the season with 12 points and 15 rebounds. Faried was in foul trouble for most of the game (he finished with four) and said it changed the way he played the down the stretch.

"I would say I was kind of tentative because of my foul trouble. I should have just gone out there and played my game. Getting offensive rebounds a lot more," Faried said.

Along with Maze Stallworth, milestone guard Brandon Shingles dished out a career high 10 assists, but had six of the Eagles' 16 turnovers. Sophomore Steve Peterson joined the two with a career-high 15 points.

Kent State's McKee and Anthony Simpson provided big boosts from the bench. McKee finished with 10 points and Simpson recorded a game-high 17 points. The Golden Flashes improve to 5-2 on the season with the win.

The Eagles fall to 1-3 and will begin conference play this Thursday when they travel to take on the UT-Marion Skyhawks.